

REMARKS

This Request for Continued Examination is being filed following the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of March 30, 2007. By the present filing, amendments are made to independent claims 1, 20, 31, 42, 47 and 50. Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-11, 20, 22-25, 31-35 and 37-54 will be pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

In the Decision, the Board opined that the Skoolicas reference was considered to anticipate the claimed invention due to the fact that the claims did not require that certain data (e.g., designation data) be downloaded into memory objects of programmable components recited in the claims. Applicants note that the Board only analyzed claim 1 in any detail in its regard.

To obviate this deficiency in the claims, Applicants have hereby insured that all independent claims specifically recite that data that is downloaded into programmable components or devices from the database is downloaded into respective memory objects of those components. Accordingly, it is believed to be sufficiently clear now that the invention is limited to configuring memory objects in such components or devices by downloading data from a database that was used to generate a sales proposal, solicit an order, define a system, and so forth.

Because the prior art of record does not teach downloading data into memory objects in this manner, the claims are believed to clearly distinguish the invention over the prior art. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are therefore requested.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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